At the meeting of June 18, 1945, the invasion plan for Japan was discussed. General Marshall's plan was approved. We were approaching an experiment with the atomic explosion. Dear informed that event would take place within a possible thirty days.

I then suggested that after that experimental test of the fission of the atom, that we give Japan a chance to stop this war by a surrender. That plan was rejected. Japan refused to surrender, and the bomb was dropped on two targets after which Japan surrendered took place.
Following the decision in the last
memorandum, the message arrived
informing us of the successful
explosion of the experimental 
device at Los Alamos, Sec. Stimson,
Gen. Marshall, Gen. Leary, Sec. Byrnes,
Gen. Arnold, and one or two other
officials came into my office at the White 
House and we discussed the
proposed notification talked about on June 18th.

After some discussion it was
decided to send the message from
Potsdam. Of course, Chiang had to
be informed and asked to join
with us. Sir. Churchill and myself.

The message was sent both by
air and through Sweden and
Switzerland.

We had nothing to reply.
but the radio statement re-

suring to surrender.

I was not informed at all

on the last question. It is prob-

ably a Monday morning center-

back affair after the game

was over.

[Signature]